

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING HOLLOW BODIES

Please insert the following paragraph before line 2 on page 1 of the above-identified specification.

Related Applications

This application claims priorities under 35 U.S.C. §119 to Swiss Application Nos. 341/03, filed March 5, 2003 and 517/03, filed March 25, 2003, and Under 35 U.S.C. §371 to PCT Application No. PCT/CH2004/000047, filed as an International Application on January 29, 2004, designating the U.S., the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.

BACKGROUND

Please delete the following paragraph on page 1, as follows:

~~The invention relates to a process for producing hollow bodies according to the preamble of claim 1. The invention also relates to a device which is suitable for this purpose.~~

Page 5, lines 2-15, please insert the heading and delete the first sentence, as follows:

SUMMARY

~~The object of this invention is therefore to avoid the disadvantages of the processes and devices of the prior art. A blow molding process and an extrusion~~

blowing machine will be devised which allow reliable processing of different raw plastic products. With respect to the configuration of the container geometries there should be as much free space as possible, and containers with very complex geometry with very narrow specifications will also be producible. In the production of critical container geometries or thin-walled containers production reliability as high as possible is to be ensured. The process and device for extrusion blowing of hollow bodies will be compatible for production of large and small geometries. Unnecessary scrap is to be largely avoided. The process and the device are to be modified such that regardless of the number of cavities per blow molding tool, largely identical container properties and quality parameters will be achieved. The adjustment data determined in the test will be largely applicable unchanged to production plants. The space requirement compared to existing machines should not be greater, it should even be possible to reduce it. Dead times as occur in known machines when the blow molding tools move sideways into the blowing stations will be reduced.

Page 5, please delete the following paragraph, lines 16-19, as follows:

~~These objects are achieved in a process for producing hollow bodies which has the features cited in the characterizing section of claim 1. A device as claimed in the invention has the features cited in the characterizing section of the independent apparatus. Developments and/or advantageous versions of the invention are the subject matter of the dependent process and apparatus claims.~~

Page 16, after line 20, please insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 17, after line 4, please insert the following heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Page 23, after line 9, please insert the following paragraph:

It will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that the present invention can be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the spirit or essential characteristics thereof. The presently disclosed embodiments are therefore considered in all respects to be illustrative and not restricted. The scope of the invention is indicated by the appended claims rather than the foregoing description and all changes that come within the meaning and range and equivalence thereof are intended to be embraced therein.